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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Steven Harrison

Dear ILNA Members,

The holiday season is upon us. It is a great time for us as collectors to stay inside away from the nasty Midwestern weather and work on our hobby - a hobby that has done wonders considering the economic state of our country. It is so nice to be able to immerse myself in a hobby that also is an investment, where at the end of the day there is still value. When families get together during this holiday season, take a moment to share how your collection has grown and what you have accomplished over the year. As a young boy this is something I used to do with my dad. After everyone left and the party was over– whether it was Thanksgiving dinner or the Christmas holiday– we would sit down at his desk and look over the new collections he had put together. I encourage moms, dads, and all family members to do this with the youngsters during this season. Keeping the youth interested is one of the most important things we can do to keep our hobby growing moving forward.

On another note, I would like to invite ILNA members who are interested in continuing their education through the 2012 ANA summer seminars in Colorado Springs. Several dynamite educational opportunities are available and taught at these seminars. The ILNA organization, as always, is looking to help ILNA members who are interested in attending these educational seminars. The two-week seminars are scheduled for June 23rd through the 29th, and June 30th through July 6th. All age groups are welcome to apply for some financial assistance. ILNA members who are interested in applying for a scholarship toward attending these classes need to explain in a letter their accomplishments in numismatics, as well as their desire to learn more about the hobby. The ILNA board will read every applicant's letter and choose a select few who will receive the scholarships. Please feel free to submit letters through our ILNA website or through any ILNA board member. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to advance your learning in numismatics!

Lastly, on the subject of education in numismatics and in behalf of ILNA, I would like to offer a special thanks to Joe O'Connor. Joe, your generous gift will be extended to our youth education and library book programs to benefit the growth of our hobby throughout the State of Illinois. We appreciate you, Joe!

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Steve Harrison,
President of the Illinois Numismatic Association

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ILNA SECRETARY

John Schikora

Well, another year has come and is nearly gone and even in difficult economic times the numismatic market remained strong. From what I have observed in 2011, collectors seem to clamor for key date and high end investment quality coins. Today, these two areas have greater demand than available supply thus creating higher premiums for these more difficult to obtain coins. There have been instances this year when I have been looking at a scarce date coin and the seller tells me when it comes to price I can throw away the Greysheet. I actually paid a few hundred over bid for a few coins only because of their rarity. Checking auction sales beforehand shows the current market purchase prices and can give a sense of reassurance when paying the extra money for a scarce piece. Most recently on ebay I noticed a few 25th Anniversary Five Coin Silver Eagle Sets bring sales of $850.00. Not bad for a $299.00 investment. Now that is what I call a profit!

However, the profit is only for the lucky few who were able to get through and place an order with the U.S. Mint. Since there were only 100,000 sets issued, it will be interesting to see how high of a premium buyers are willing to pay to acquire this set.

Along with this year was ILNA's annual three day coin and currency show held in September. Once again the show was a success with good public turnout. At this time, on behalf of ILNA, I would like to thank Jim and Joyce Paicz for their year-long planning in executing another successful ILNA Convention. Also, Jim made an announcement at the show concerning Governor positions on the ILNA Board. Any individuals interested in serving on the board were to contact ILNA so their name could be posted in the Winter Coin Digest for consideration. Since none of the seats up for election this year were contested, the board decided not to have a balloted election. As of now there are four vacancies to fill. At the October 16th board meeting President Steve Harrison stated ILNA members Joyce Paicz and Michael Doran have offered to serve on the board. Any ILNA members can submit positive or negative feedback concerning these two individuals and the board will review all letters received before a vote is considered. All letters must be received by the Secretary no later than January 15, 2012 at jschikora@att.net, you can also mail them to the address listed below. All feedback letters must be factual and professional. I would like to note that ILNA Governor Bill Price stepped down from the board. Bill retired due to future out of state engagements which would have prevented him from attending board meetings. At this time on behalf of ILNA, I would like to thank Bill for his contributions to the organization during the four years he served as Governor on the board.

Lastly, I would like to talk about the ILNA website. There has been some confusion of late that has been brought to my attention. Some people have approached me and said they have visited the website and a different individual is listed as president not to mention negative comments cited against the Illinois Numismatic Association. The website they were speaking of is ilnaclub.org which is not the official website of the Illinois Numismatic Association. At this time I would like to clarify that www.ilnaclub.info is the official website of the Illinois Numismatic Association. This is the website that all ILNA members should visit and refer to friends. Remember www.ilnaclub.info and thank you.

Happy Holidays to All,

John Schikora,
ILNA Secretary

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A NOTE FROM BOURSE CHAIRMAN

Jim Paicz

Happy Holidays from the Paicz House!

Okay, enough about the holidays. Now let's review the 2011 Fall Show. Despite competing against Long Beach, the 52nd Annual ILNA Coin and Currency Show was a great success. Because of the scheduling conflict, we sold 28 fewer tables than last year. But because we lowered the price of case rental from last year, many more dealers than expected took advantage of this extending show profits to $14,000.00. In addition, ILNA accepted a gracious donation from Joe O'Connor. Joe, I would like to extend a personal thanks in behalf of the entire organization for having faith in what we do.

There are many thanks to go around this year. First to John Schikora– thanks for all your help. John let me know at the end of last year that this show would be his last year as Bourse Assistant. Great Job John– we appreciate everything you've done to make our annual show a success!

Al Lynch, CMH was a great addition to our show– I never would have guessed that he, too, is a coin collector. Gee, you think you know someone for more than 20 years and yet you don't know him at all. Al, it was great to see you and thanks for everything including the Challenge Coin... And YES– I accept the challenge of putting others before myself.

Bill Birk and Larry Dora did a great job with the Youth Auction. Next year will be better as we are working on creative ways for kids to earn extra ILNA Bucks.

Security was great as usual. Our volunteers did a great job: Frank Trichak, Mark Sellin and Pat Rodriguez, thanks for serving ILNA as our show registrars and for all the help you brought to those who attended the show.

It takes a lot to put a show like this together and thanks to the ILNA Board for having faith in me. Thanks goes out to all of our speakers: Without them, we would not be able to share knowledge and build our hobby. And of course, thanks to the many dealers from all over the country who contributed to the success of our show. I hope you all did well– we are looking forward to seeing you next year! And a very special thanks to all the collectors and our membership. Without all of you, our hobby could not possibly be the great and significant thing that it is.

I hope I didn't forget anyone... And now it is on to the 2012 Show!

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DIGEST EDITOR

Timothy Guest

Reflecting on 2011...

As you are receiving your copy of this issue of the ILNA Coin Digest, most are heavily involved in preparing for holiday celebrations. To our ILNA membership and those who are reading this, I am thankful for your minutes of valuable time. The release of this Digest marks the end of my first year as Editor. I appreciate the positive feedback we have received in the last twelve months. Any suggestions you have– things you would like to see in the Digest– are all considered by the ILNA Board. For instance, I would publish a constructive "Letters" section. We have considered opening a numismatic questions forum as a way to follow up with our members. One member recently voiced the opinion that we should post the ILNA Coin Digest as content on our website (www.ilnaclub.info).

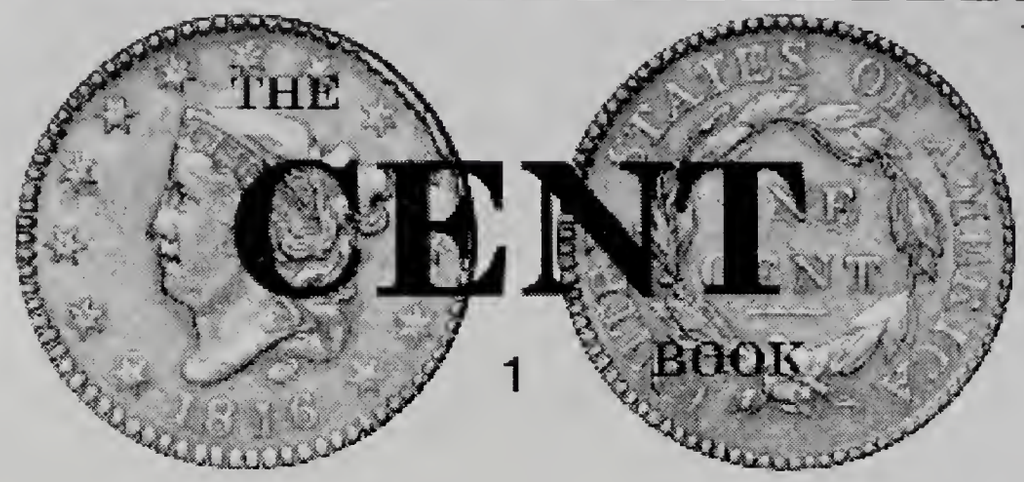
ILNA, as an organization, endeavors to improve numismatics– not just in Illinois, but for everyone. National Numismatic Leaders (NNL) is a new organization ILNA is assisting as a charter member. NNL wants to improve our hobby on a national level by assisting in the exchange of information. A challenge Jim Paicz had to overcome as Bourse Chairman this year dealt with the scheduling of our show against one of the largest national shows held in Long Beach, California. By creating a national forum that other numismatic organizations can access, NNL aims to minimize such conflicts while maximizing available information and assistance for member clubs. BTW, Jim– Thanks for all the hard work you and Joyce put in to provide such a quality Fall Coin and Currency Show.

And on the subject of assistance... ATTENTION YOUTH! Find it in this issue of the Digest! Our YN Ambassador Nate Murphy enjoyed his time in Colorado at the ANA Summer Counterfeit Detection Seminar– training that will add value to his life today and into adulthood– *on a scholarship!* Additional information released by the ANA regarding their scholarship program can be found in the youth section on page 26. But the ANA is not the only organization offering scholarships to its own seminar program... ILNA extends financial assistance for the ANA seminars to promising youth numismatists in the interest of growing our historically meaningful hobby here in Illinois. Nate Murphy likened the experience to a "week long camp dedicated to coins." ILNA President Steve Harrison outlines the process for earning an ILNA scholarship in his letter on page 5. It's a lifetime opportunity to improve yourself and your ability to enrich your life and the lives of others through numismatics.

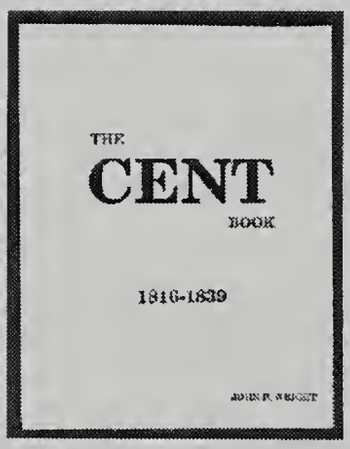
A blessed holiday season to all– May you enjoy peace, prosperity, health and safety in the upcoming year.

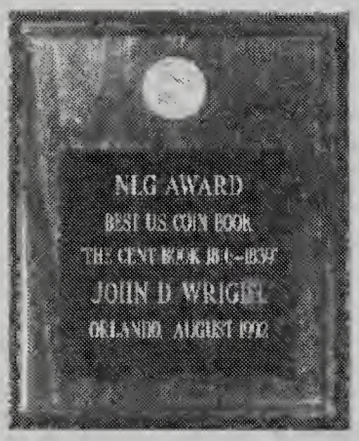
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Timothy Guest

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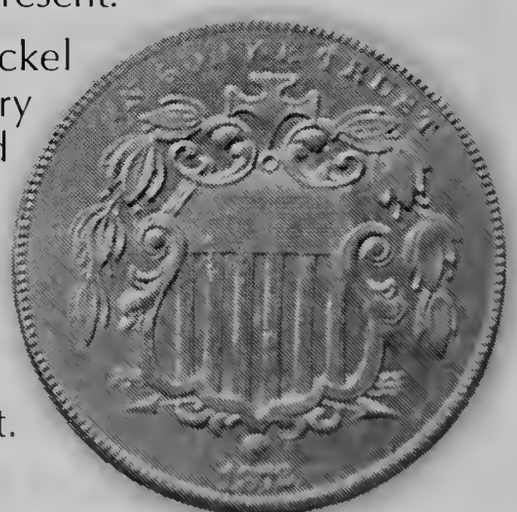
BY MARK BENVENUTO



A bit of a different perspective considering the metals craze of 2011. It has been said that not all that glitters is gold... Mark has been a previous contributor to the ILNA Coin Digest– most recently during Donna Doran's stint as Digest Editor.

If you are like many collectors, the prices of gold and silver right now are fantastic– if you've bought gold and silver coins before the current sleigh ride– or they're terrible if you are trying to buy now. A cadre of well-paid, well-groomed folks who appear on television talk shows on Sunday morning give us numerous reasons why the price of precious metals is so high right now, and when they'll go down again– or not. With so much contradictory "sage" advice, what's a collector to do? How about ride out this storm with a great set of nickels?

While a five cent coin was part of the original Congressional bill that set up our national monetary system, the first ones weren't nickels. They were half dimes: the smallest of the silver coins. The nickel came on the scene in 1866 with a design now known as the Shield nickel. Most collectors know this was changed only in 1883 with the introduction of what is now called the Liberty Head nickel. That in turn was followed by the notable and famous Buffalo nickel, also called the Indian Head nickel. And that was followed by the Jefferson nickel, a design which basically survives until the present.



If you've never really thought about a nickel collection, or have only given them a cursory look at any ILNA show, take a moment and think about what might be a good starting point. Many folks choose to hone in on one series and assemble a date and mint mark set. While that's traditional, possibly the least expensive way to start would be to gather a foursome of nickels that constitute a type set.

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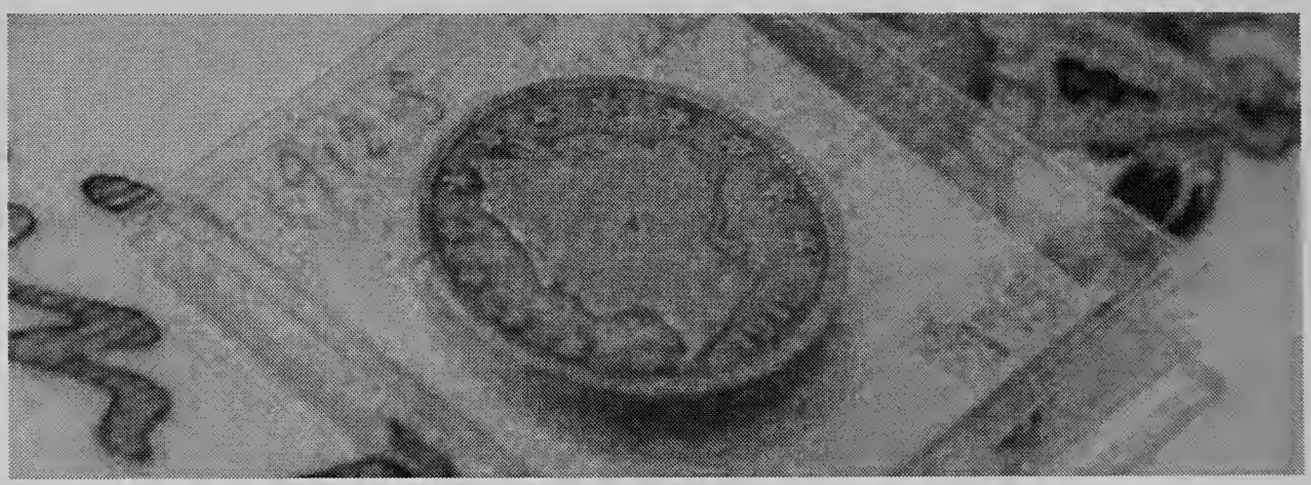
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A single Shield nickel won't cost too much, especially if you decide on a circulated piece and a common date. Should you choose a mint state coin, you'll probably have to part with $100 for one of those common specimens. And of course, if you want a rare variety– like the 1883/2 overdate– the cost will jump way up. But in short, Shield nickels are still quite affordable.

If possible, a single Liberty Head nickel will cost even less than a Shield nickel. Numerous common dates cost less than $10 in the lower, circulated grades, such as fine or very good. Once again, if you choose to aim at something better like a mint state piece, you'll have to part with roughly the same amount of money as just mentioned for the Shield nickel example. The first of the mint marked nickels appears at the end of the Liberty Head nickel series as well. A 1912-D costs closer to $200 in MS-60, but can still be had for almost pocket change when you settle for a circulated grade.



Of course, if you have a spare couple of million dollars just kicking about, you might want to consider trying to purchase one of the five known 1913 Liberty Head nickels for your own collection. You could call the American Numismatic Association, for example, and ask if they'll part with their specimen if you pay them $5M or so in cash. Then you could just fly to Colorado Springs to pick it up– in your own, private jet, I'd imagine. If you do go this route, please, make it a point to have your jet touch down in my driveway before hand, as you are definitely someone I want to call my new best friend!

Seriously, if you'd like a nickel dated 1913, you'll most likely have to settle for one of the Buffalo nickels. Since the Philadelphia Mint produced over 29 million that year, and the Denver Mint produced more than 4 million, and the San Francisco Mint chipped in more than 1 million, it's a fair statement to claim that this 1913 nickel is a little bit more common than the 1913 Liberty Head.

That flood of Buffalo nickels right at the outset never really slowed down making Buffalo nickels remarkably common today. Actually, this is the first nickel we've come to in which the design is perhaps as desired

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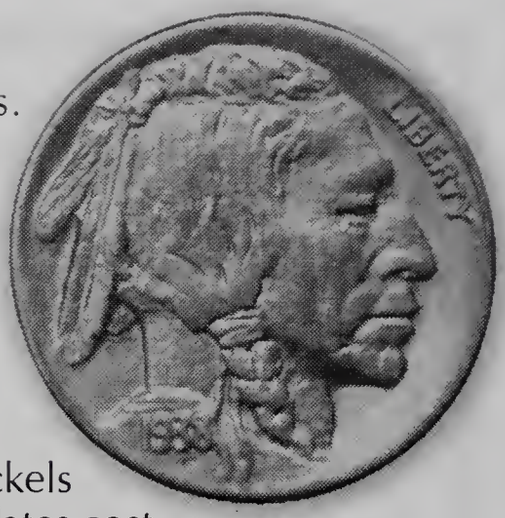
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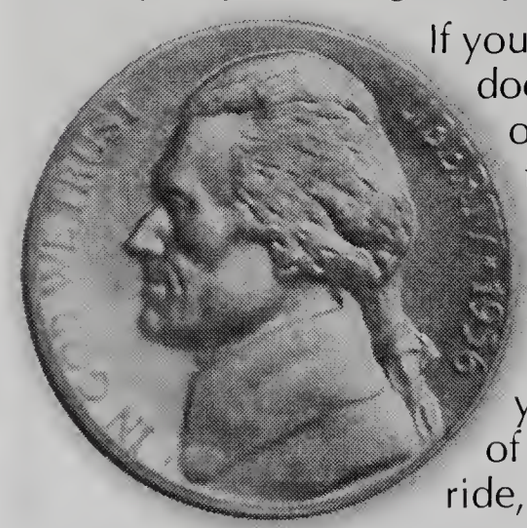
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by non-collectors as it is by numismatists. There are numerous jewelry items, key chains, watch fobs, and other items that are made today, all of which incorporate a well-polished Buffalo nickel as part of their design, and thus part of their allure. For collectors though, Buffalo nickels are bargain box items when they are well circulated.

More good news when it comes to Buffalo nickels is that in mint state, several of the common dates cost far below $100. As a great example, the 1938-D currently costs less than $70 in MS-65. That's no typo. The very attractive grade of MS-65 can be this affordable when you are looking at some of the Buffalo nickels.

Moving to the Jeffersons... Well, these nickels suffer from what many modern coins have: a current design and no precious metal. A person can take a bit of time, look carefully, and find Jefferson nickels from the 1930's and 1940's that cost less than $20 in MS-65. If you are an aficionado of our modern nickels, you'll know that even what are called "full step" specimens– meaning that all the steps on Monticello on the reverse are separated and visible– are still available for prices in the $35 - $60 range. That's pretty amazing really.



If you've gone this far, you'll realize that a type set does not have to be an end in itself. It can very often be a beginning. Did you fall in love with the Buffalo design? If so, start a date run. Do you like the more staid Liberty Head? If so, see if you can assemble a date run of this series. The possibilities may not be endless, but they're certainly numerous. Plus, anything you collect here is a way to ride out the storm of precious metals pricing right now. Enjoy the ride, and enjoy the hunt – for nickels! ✻

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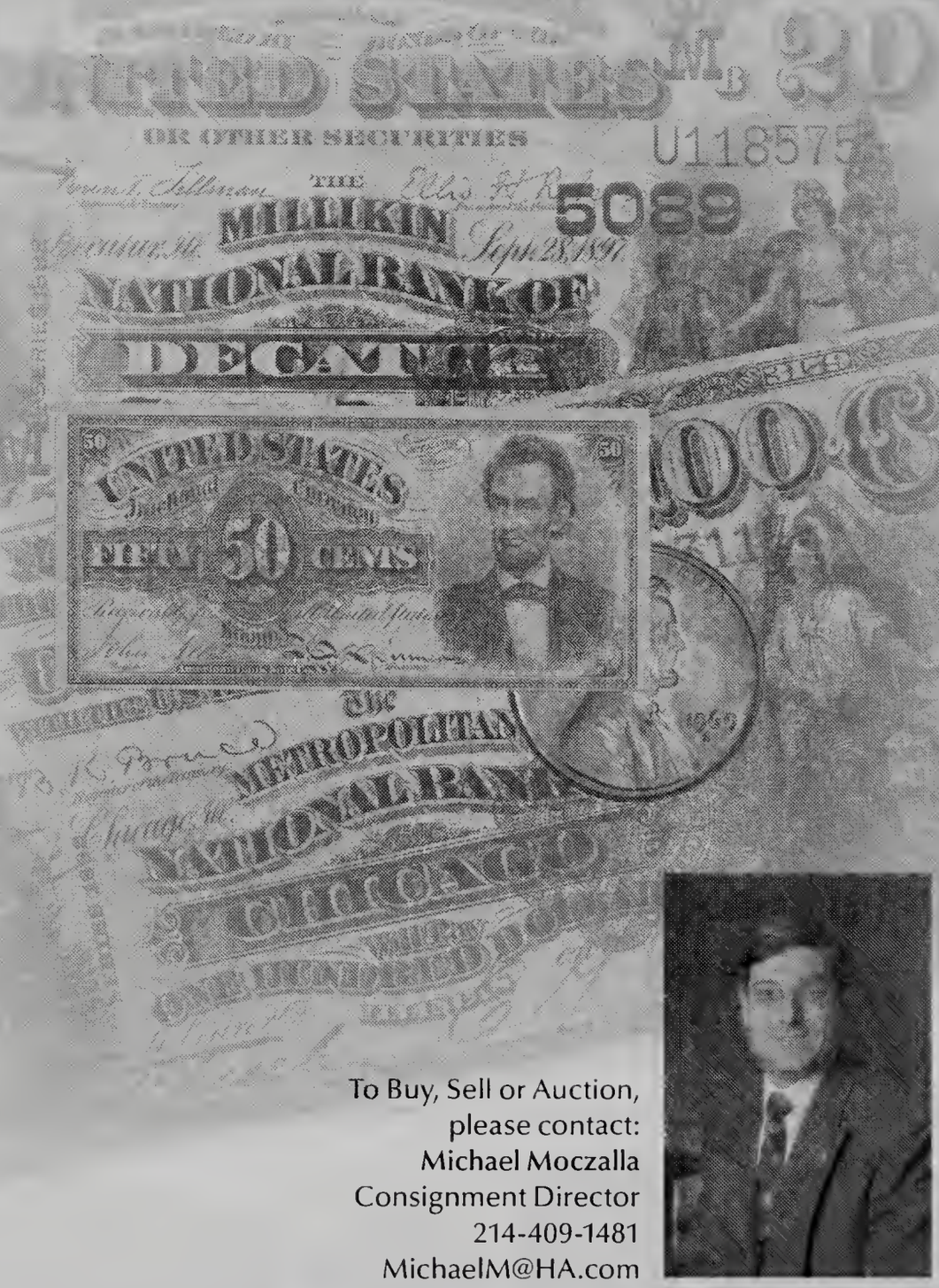


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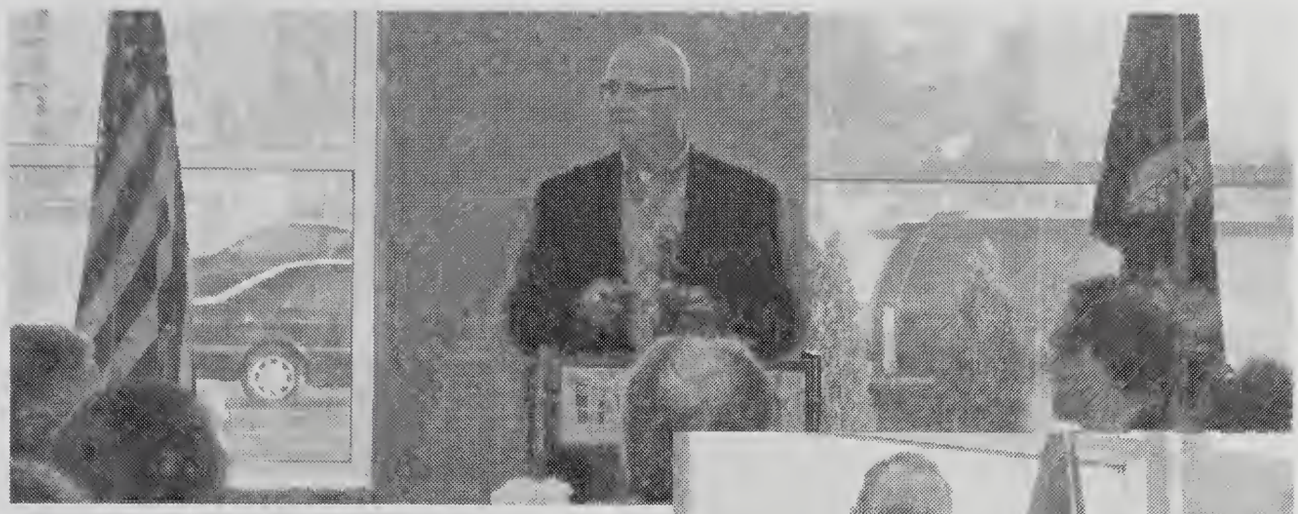
Sergeant Allen James Lynch, CMH, and our Nation's Colors are escorted onto the bourse floor to open the show Saturday morning. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Special thanks to Marrs Meyer American Legion Post #991 of Worth, IL and the Marine Corps League, Burbank Detachment for their service as escorting Sergeant Lynch and presenting Colors at our annual show.



A busy show floor with men and women, boys and girls of all ages.

Despite competing against the show in Long Beach, California, many national show dealers and leading numismatists from across the country such as Larry Briggs and Tom Reynolds (pictured) converged on the Tinley Park Convention Center to take part in one of the most successful shows in ILNA history.





Top: Al Lynch, CMH delivers a convicting message at the Saturday Dealer Breakfast challenging all to put others before themselves.



Right: Jack Huggins receives the Ralph C. Winquist Memorial Award



ILNA board, Color Guard and Al Lynch, CMH

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MY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Now that it is Christmas time, you can do a lot of things that you cannot do any other time of year. You can wear special clothes, you can listen to special music, and you can make wish lists for what you want to be under the tree on December 25th. I have comprised a Christmas list here of my own, with some information about these coins.

1) 1933 Double Eagle– There were actually 455,000 of these struck, but all of them were supposed to have been melted at the mint due to the Gold Reserve Act of 1934. It is estimated that 13 of these pieces still exist, but only one has been sold at auction.

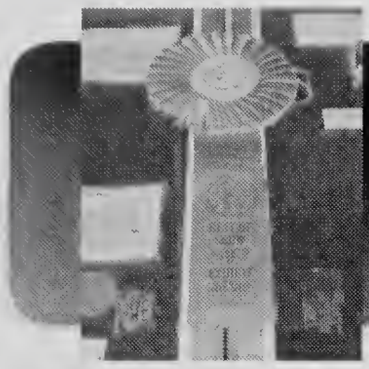
2) 1913 Liberty Nickel– These nickels were struck in the year 1913, the same year the Buffalo Nickel went into production. Although no one truly knows how these five coins were struck or who did it, it is apparent that they did leave the mint and created a big craze.

3) 1804 Silver Dollar– The 1804 Dollar is certainly a mysterious coin. Dollar coins were struck in the year 1804, but with the date 1803. It is said that the dollars struck with the 1804 date on them were struck in 1834 and possibly later. About 19 of these pieces exist with an occasional auction appearance.

4) 1894-S Dime– This coin is not only a rarity, but also has a fun story associated with one of them. The story is that the San Francisco Mint Superintendent John Daggett had 24 dimes with the dates 1894-S on them. He had given most of the dimes away to important people while with the remaining three, he gave to his daughter, Hallie. Knowing they would be valuable, Daggett told her to keep them but she immediately spent one on ice cream.

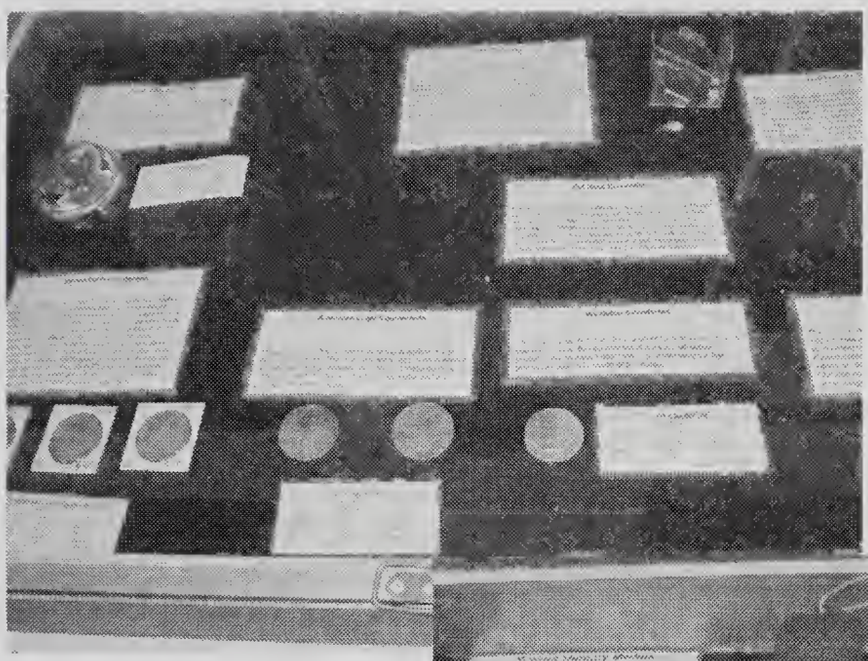
5) 1943 Copper Penny– When all of the copper was needed for WWII, the mint switched– for one year– to making cents out of steel. This copper penny is an error that has fascinated many people in the whereabouts of these coins. Only 10-12 of these coins are known to exist always bringing hefty prices at auction.

So, now that you know my wish list, I guess it would be time to make yours. Not even in my dreams could I have any of these coins, but would it be nice. My favorite holiday is swiftly approaching, and there is a lot to do, so I will leave you there. Have a very merry Christmas. ✳

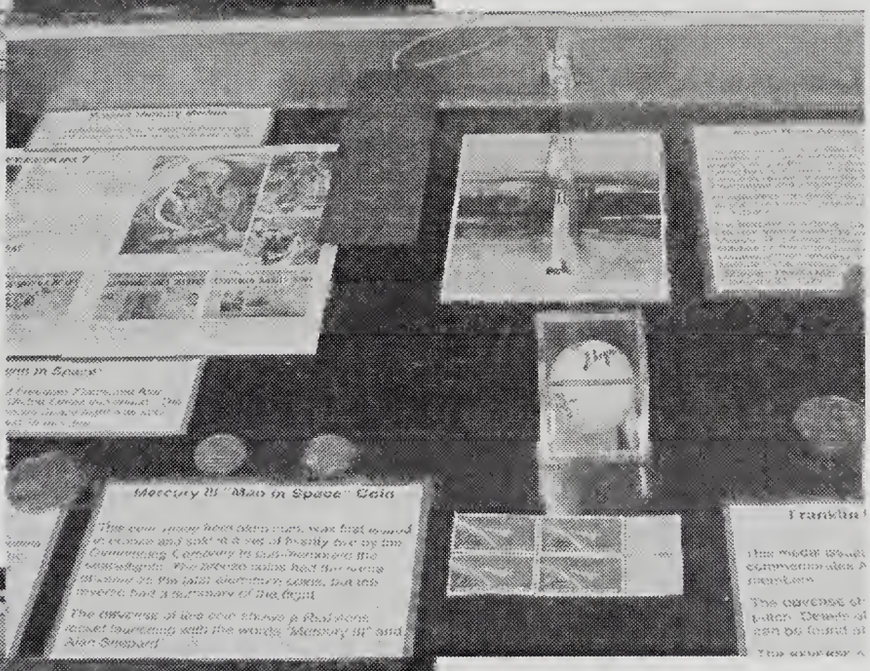


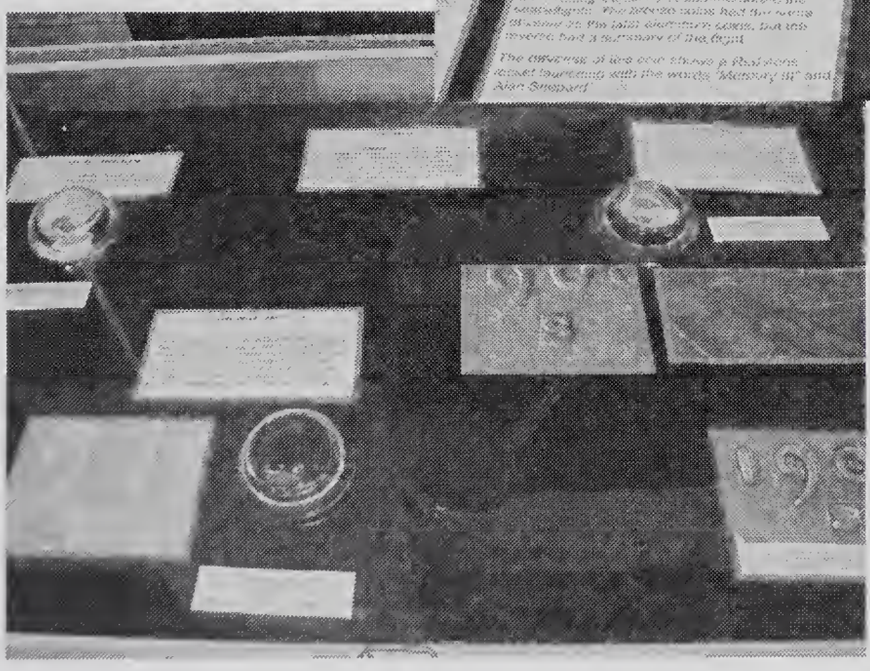
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A repeating theme for ILNA is "Knowledge thru Numismatics." People from across the country gather together to promote our hobby at our state show. While many have the opportunity to learn and explore new things, countless hours of preparation lend a hand in sharing knowledge to make others better. In case you missed our Youth Numismatist Ambassador's exhibits at the fall show, Nate made every opportunity from his column in this Digest to his attendance at the Summer ANA Counterfeit Detection Seminar to develop his talents and share things he has learned to the benefit of our hobby. These pictures offer a glimpse of Nate's fine work in the area of counterfeit detection and of his personal interest in space exploration.







SUMMER SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TALENTED YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

ANA Press Release

Young Numismatists have the opportunity to earn full and partial scholarships for the American Numismatic Association's highly acclaimed 2012 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

The two one-week sessions are scheduled from June 23-29 and June 30-July 6. Applications from ANA members between the ages of 13-22 are due by January 31st. Last year, there were 38 full scholarships and eight partial scholarships awarded. Partial scholarships cover the cost of tuition while the full scholarships cover tuition, lodging and meals for one week, and the cost of airfare to travel to and from Colorado Springs.

"Through the generosity of members and funds raised by the YNs themselves, the ANA awards as many as 40 merit-based scholarships annually," said Susan McMillan, ANA's education project manager. "Academic achievement is essential to a life of opportunity, and we encourage Young Numismatists to apply for the program."

Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate their involvement, leadership and accomplishments in numismatics, as well as a desire to learn more about the hobby. Recommendations from other numismatists are also required.

Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for 2012 scholarships; the selection committee will place particular emphasis on how their previous education at Summer Seminar helped to further their accomplishments and interest in numismatics.

Summer Seminar features a lineup of classes to meet virtually every collector's needs, including ancients, paper money, counterfeit detection, grading, the Civil War, digital photography, Colonial numismatics, hobo nickels, medals, tokens and more. Students learn from the hobby's most prominent scholars, rising young stars and successful business leaders. Last year, 426 students and instructors ranging in age from 13 to 87 attended Summer Seminar.

Scholarship recipients will attend one week-long class of their choice, will be lodged in a Colorado College dormitory with counselor supervision, and participate in seminar programs and events.

Summer Seminar marks its 44th year in 2012. The ANA has awarded YN scholarships yearly since 1973.

YN scholarship applications are available at www.money.org (select "Summer Seminar" from the "Numismatic Events" drop-down menu) or by contacting the ANA education department at 719-482-9850 or by e-mail at McMillan@money.org.

Scholarships will be awarded in March, and preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate dedication to the hobby.

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Editor's Note: *ILNA provides a youth scholarship program for summer ANA Seminar Courses as well. ILNA President Steve Harrison notes in his President's Letter on page 5: "...seminars are scheduled for June 23rd through the 29th, and June 30th through July 6th. All age groups are welcome to apply for some financial assistance." You might recall ILNA Youth Numismatist Ambassador Nathaniel Murphy detailing his scholarship experience attending the ANA summer seminar on Counterfeit Detection in our Fall, 2011 ILNA Coin Digest. For more information on how you might obtain an ILNA ANA summer seminar scholarship, talk to any ILNA board member or visit www.ilnaclub.info for contact information.*

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A FLYING LINCOLN CENT

Unique error coin

Story by Owner/Author BILL GROOM

Most coin collectors have seen a Flying Eagle Cent. But, who's ever heard of a "flying" Lincoln Cent? How else can one describe the astounding error coin that I was so fortunate to acquire at an Ohio coin show in 2001? It's a multiple error coin that's a double-denomination, flip-over, saddle-struck, double strike! There are two denominations, a cent and a nickel, struck on each, respective side of the cent's planchet. PCGS labeled it a Lincoln Cent double-strike, 80% off-center with nickel dies. Other certification services would likely have described it differently. Could this then newly struck cent have somehow flown onto a nickel press?

This striking, or should I say doubly striking, error was initially coined as a 2000-D cent. It afterwards managed to receive a later, partial strike, having somehow landed between working nickel dies. I initially didn't realize what I'd purchased when I bought the coin. The dealer from whom I made the purchase had a number of minor error coins in a box, and this major error coin was among them. What caught my eye with regard to this particular coin was that it was labeled as being a "flip-over double-strike." As a longtime collector of Civil War tokens, I'd then never managed to find that elusive, flip-over error on a token; this, despite many years of searching. Consequently, the labeled Lincoln cent had curb appeal for me, so I opted to purchase it, along a with a number of other coins.

It wasn't until I got home the following day and carded it in a holder that I was then taken aback. The second strike illustrated the point of Jefferson's bust, protruding from the reverse area of the cent. The obverse, saddle-strike area, below Lincoln's bust, showed, "E PLURIBUS UNUM" in nickel-sized letters. Perhaps, "E DUO UNUM" or, out of two comes one would be more apropos on this coin? The surface area that was pushed-out as a result of the pressure of the nickel dies caused the copper-clad planchet to there become much thinner than the cent stock. As such, there was a tiered effect or step-down from the cent to nickel-struck area. Also, that nickel-struck area appeared somewhat proof-like in relation to the larger portion of the cent's area. Then finding it difficult to believe what I was seeing, I repeatedly looked at the coin for a few days, letting reality sink in.



Prior to getting this anomaly authenticated, I periodically took it with me to coin shows for major, error dealers to see. I purposely carried it in a nondescript flip and asked, "Have you ever seen one of these?" Now, how many coin dealers have ever heard that question? The typical reply was something to the effect that the dealer had dozens of similar, off-center error cents for sale at $2 to $5, apiece; this being said while the coin was occasionally tossed back in my direction. I really enjoyed watching their faces after my insistence that they take a closer look. Before even talking to me about it, the standard query was, "Is it for sale?" All but one of the error dealers to whom I've shown it have said that it's probably a unique specimen. The one exception was a dealer who expressed that she was aware of a dozen or so in existence. If that's true, I have yet to see or hear of one, now six years hence...

This is the sort of error coin that no one ever expects to see. It's a pairing of two coins that shouldn't exist on a single planchet. The dealer who sold it to me never saw it for what it really was, and the person who sold it to him never saw it for what it really was. Thus, we joined a few error specialists who subsequently failed to truly recognize it when they got their first look at it in my hands. It's really a glaring error that one has to repeatedly view in order for the brain to process; this, like a UFO...

A Flying Lincoln Cent!

One of the many questions that this anomaly has brought to my mind is: "How many error coins are out there that have the obverse of one denomination struck alongside of the obverse and reverse of another denomination!?" I've personally seen many an overstrike of one denomination atop another, but never before a "companion" or side-by-side strike.

While I've never had occasion to visit the Denver Mint, I once toured the mint in Philadelphia. I went there about ten years ago with a close friend, Norm Bagaas, who had, himself, previously visited the Ottawa Mint. Norm told me that the Canadian mint facility was so clean that one could eat off the floor. As we stood behind the walkway glass, looking below at the coin presses, it was readily apparent that were anyone to eat from that floor, they would undoubtedly chew on some Philadelphia coins. The floor was literally littered with coins and/or planchets, throughout. We did see a woman pushing a broom though.



Following my visit to the Philadelphia Mint, I recall reading about efforts then being made to improve quality control. Perhaps, the state quarter program had something to do

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with that. I remember thinking that such an effort might ironically be an unwelcome development by collectors of error coins. Fortunately, for us collectors, some fantastic error coins, like those in the dollar series, have since continued to surface.

Regarding major errors, there's always the question of whether or not such a coin was intentionally produced by some mint employee. The 1913 Liberty Head Nickels have to be the most notorious of all surreptitious coins to have ever left a mint facility. Evidence suggests that they were intentionally struck by a former mint employee, seeking to profit from their sale. While I personally lack sufficient knowledge to gauge the "err-ability" of the cent/dime (eleven-cent coin) and the quarter/dollar (buck-and-a-quarter coin) mules, I'm leaning toward the opinion that this cent/nickel (six-cent coin) is an unintentional mint product or genuine error.

My principal thought is that it's unlikely that such a fantastic error would have found its way into my pocket at such a nominal cost unless it was an unintentional mint product. Another consideration is that this coin was among a large group of assorted, mostly minor, error coins when I bought it. Had this "six cent piece" been intentionally struck, a playful mint employee would likely have made the error more prominent or eye-catching by having the nickel struck portion be greater. Afterwards, a knowing seller would then more readily have called attention to it being a double-denomination error.

Specialists can better weigh the questions that this error poses, and more may yet be written. Perhaps, this article will stimulate some responses from specialists or amateur error collectors like myself. Is there somewhere a census of how many multi-denomination coins exist? Can there possibly be a single coin that's been thrice-struck by different sets of dies? Is there a consensus among specialists about how these anomalies were produced? Questions abound.

As something of a postscript, I've subsequently managed to find that flip-over, double-strike Civil War token that eluded me for so many years. Like the "six-cent piece," I didn't spot it when I first bought it... Honestly! I actually owned it for a year or two before I discovered what it was; this, just prior to almost parting with it, too! I'd virtually given up on ever finding one. It's an Albany store card (Fuld # NY 10-D), being a timetable that has a wordy legend on both the obverse and reverse. Upon close examination, it's apparent that this token was initially struck, then flipped-over and struck a second time by the same die pair. The understrike is clear enough to recognize under a glass. Unlike the "six cent piece" though, the over-strike is centered atop, not alongside, the original strike. In retrospect, it now occurs to me that, had I previously

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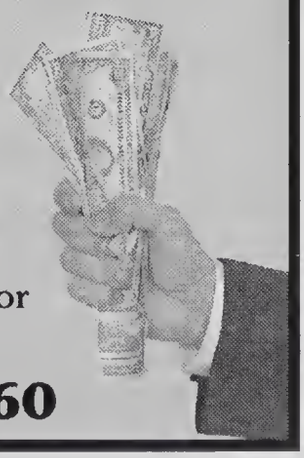
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found that Civil War token error, I might well have discovered the "Flying Lincoln Cent." Ah, serendipity ...

Given about fifty years of hunting, I never did snare a rare coin from circulation. However, discovering these major errors has certainly made all the hunting worthwhile. Ironically, both of these truly rare pieces were purchased by me from dealers; and, before either they or I realized what they were. One lesson for all collectors who read this article is to spend time studying your own collection. Also, some of the best finds nowadays can be had at shows, flea markets and the like. Had I not joined the Civil War Token Society and invested in various numismatic publications, I'd likely never have found these items, much less have known that they even existed. All things considered though, my best "finds" have been friends made along collective pathways. Happy hunting to all! ✳

Editor's Note: *Bill Groom is a member of the Tennessee State Numismatic Society and an award winning contributor to their TennCoin News. ILNA received his submission through ILNA Vice President Andrew Reiber. Are you an ILNA member with a unique or unusual coin or other interesting numismatic story to tell? I'll be glad to provide a forum to you. Please email me, Tim Guest, at ILNADigestEditor@aol.com, or write: ILNA Digest Editor, P.O. Box 5442, Woodridge, IL 60517. Sincerest Thanks!*

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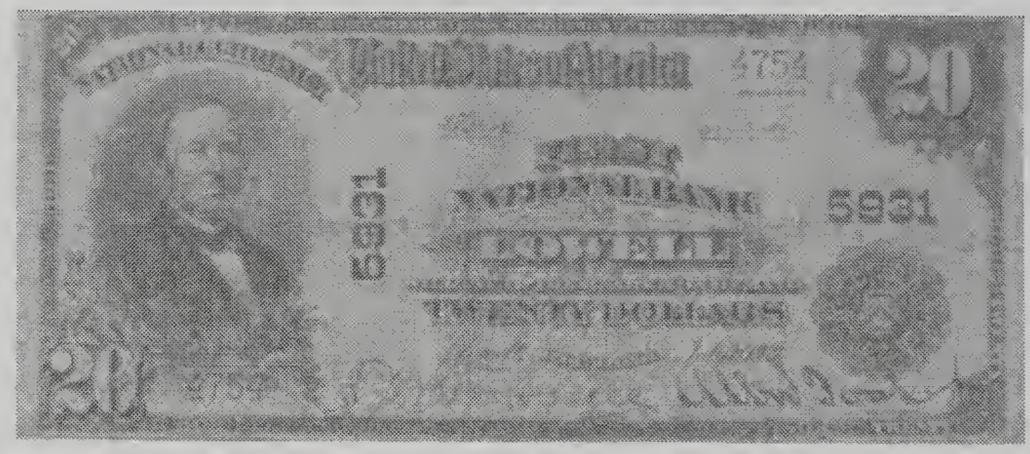
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Board Meeting Minutes

YOUR ILNA COIN CLUB BUSINESS FROM ILNA SECRETARY JOHN SCHIKORA

The ILNA Fall, 2011 Board Meeting was held at the Quality Inn, Bradley, Illinois on Sunday, October 16th, 2011.

ROLL CALL

President Steve Harrison called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. Also in attendance were Vice President Andrew Reiber, Secretary John Schikora, Treasurer Bill Burd, Chairman of the Board Steve Butler, board members Jim Paicz, Brian Jaskierski, Tim Guest and Brian Heil. Eagle McMahon had an excused absence. Richard Prouty, Jim Bradaric and Nathaniel Murphy each had an unexcused absence. There were five guests present, Joyce Paicz, Michael Doran, Quentin Burrows, Glenn Kraemer and Matt Boudreau.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Steve Harrison introduced to the board Quentin Burrows who is a practicing attorney. After hearing him speak, the board will consider retaining Mr. Burrows for handling all legal matters in regard to the Illinois Numismatic Association. Mr. Burrows is licensed in Illinois and New York and has a law firm located in Joliet, Illinois. His concentration is in litigation, contracts, wills and estates. If retained, his service fee is $175 an hour and a $2500 retainer needs to be set up in a secured bank account set up for ILNA. Mr. Burrows is also a current member and past president of the Will County Coin Club.

Secondly, Harrison introduced Glenn Kraemer who heads Morrison Security Corporation located in Alsip, Illinois. Morrison Security is licensed in Illinois and employs both sidearm equipped, off-duty law enforcement and licensed range qualified security personnel. Mr. Kraemer informed the board that all employees are insured with no overtime charges. Their security has the right to detain any individual caught in the act of a crime until local law enforcement arrives. Morrison Security will also act on behalf of any ILNA dealer who is victim of a crime. This will save the dealer the added expense of commuting and loss of work to attend court dates. Vehicles with Morrison Security can also be stationed on site.

Thirdly, Harrison reported that board members Jim Bradaric and Eagle McMahon were being dismissed from the ILNA Board due to lack of attendance at board meetings since Fall, 2010.

Lastly, Harrison informed the board about the continuing lawsuit ILNA has versus Frank Zapushek. At the September 15th hearing, Mr. Zapushek appeared without legal representation and the judge granted a 60 day extension. Harrison also reported the old website ilnaclub.org, which is owned by Frank Zapushek has been detrimental towards ILNA. The official ILNA website is Ilnaclub.info and this is the website all members should visit and refer to their friends.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Steve Harrison asked the board for approval of the minutes from the July 24th meeting which were emailed August 9th. All approved except Tim Guest who abstained. John Schikora reported the ILNA Board has gone from one to four open seats with the

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aforementioned dismissal of two members and the retirement of Bill Price. Harrison stated ILNA is looking for members to fill the board vacancies. Potential candidates need to contribute their time and attend meetings. Interested members who have contacted ILNA will have their names published in the winter Coin Digest. Unless any written objection to his/her candidacy is received within a certain time period, his/her board application will be voted on by the board at the winter 2012 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Burd presented the financial report as of September 30, 2011. The January 1st balance was $81,201 with year to date revenue of $51,493 and expenses of $39,104 leaving an ending balance of $93,590. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Jim Paicz, passed unanimously.

DIGEST EDITOR'S REPORT

Tim Guest reported new publication material will be available for print in the winter Digest which will have a holiday theme. Guest also mentioned a writer from the Chicago Tribune contacted him for someone to interview for an article covering how numismatics fits in with the over 50 crowd. A journalism student from Columbia College also contacted Guest about writing an article covering the Presidential Dollar program. Guest stated if ILNA could be used as a source involved with the publication of the articles, ILNA could receive permission to publish them in the Digest.

Steve Harrison wants ILNA board members to participate in writing articles for the Digest. Brian Heil and Brian Jaskierski were appointed to write the first articles. Harrison also suggested a raise in advertiser fees to cover the costs of Digest printing and mailing. Harrison would also like to see the Digest expand to a full size 8.5x11 inches. These topics will be discussed at a future meeting.

LIBRARY BOOK REPORT

Andrew Reiber stated 2012 will be the fifth year ILNA donates books to Illinois libraries. Forty-eight counties outside the Chicago area will be the recipients for 2012. Bill Burd stated ILNA currently has half the books for distribution in inventory. Two or three new books plus the red book need to be ordered. Bill Burd made a motion to budget $3000 to purchase new books for 2012, seconded by Jim Paicz, passed unanimously.

BOURSE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim Paicz informed the board that the current security ILNA employees is not incorporated or insured. Due to new state regulations a new security firm needs to be employed. Paicz suggested Morrison Security as the new convention security. Steve Harrison appointed Paicz to work with Glenn Kraemer of Morrison Security and have a full proposal to present at the winter meeting. Paicz presented the final figures for the 2011 convention showing a net profit of $14,126.19.

Since ILNA ran short of display cases to rent, Paicz suggested purchasing forty reconditioned display cases at $45 each. Andrew Reiber made a motion to budget $1600 towards purchasing the display cases, seconded by John Schikora, passed unanimously.

A discussion was made about the auction held in conjunction with the 2012 convention. It was suggested ILNA receive proposals from three auction houses and discuss at a future meeting which to accept. ILNA received $1940.80 from Leonard Auction for the 2011 show auction, from that $500 was for advertising.

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Lastly, Paicz stated he is looking for suggestions for the 2012 convention theme. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the Bourse Chairman's report as read, seconded by Brian Jaskierski, passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Joyce Paicz reported ILNA currently has 465 members consisting of 227 regular, 115 life, 30 club and 93 youth. Joyce also stated Larry Briggs requested life membership. Mr. Briggs met all qualifications and after discussion Andrew Reiber made a motion to grant Larry Briggs life membership in ILNA, seconded by Tim Guest, approved by all except Reiber who abstained.

NATIONAL NUMISMATIC LEADERS

Andrew Reiber reported the website is almost complete and will actively seek new members in 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

Quentin Burrows dismissed himself from the meeting while the Board discussed retaining his services. After discussion Andrew Reiber made a motion that ILNA retain Mr. Burrows at a fee of $175 per hour and a $2500 retainer, seconded by Bill Burd, accepted by all except Tim Guest who abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Harrison asked for opinions concerning pay increases for board meeting renumerations and annual salaries. After discussion the Board agreed to keep board meeting renumerations at $40 per member per meeting attended with no increase. Andrew Reiber recommended the following annual salary payments, Secretary $700, Digest Editor $800, Treasurer $250 and Bourse Chairman $1500. John Schikora asked that the bourse chairman's salary be increased to $1800 due to the amount of work put forth by Jim and Joyce Paicz in running the annual convention. Afterwards, Steve Harrison asked for an opinion regarding the Secretary's salary. Andrew Reiber made a motion to increase the Secretary's salary from $600 to $700, seconded by Tim Guest, accepted by all except John Schikora who abstained. Harrison then asked for an opinion regarding the Digest Editor's salary. Reiber made a motion to increase the Digest Editor's salary from $600 to $800, seconded by Brian Jaskierski, accepted by all except Tim Guest who abstained. Harrison then asked for an opinion regarding the Treasurer's salary. Reiber made a motion to increase the Treasurer's salary from $200 to $250, seconded by Brian Heil, accepted by all except Bill Burd who abstained. Harrison then asked for an opinion regarding the Bourse Chairman's salary. Reiber made a motion to increase the Bourse Chairman's salary from $900 to $1500, there was no second. Guest then motioned to raise the Bourse Chairman's salary from $900 to $1800, seconded by Jaskierski, accepted by all except Reiber who did not accept and Jim Paicz who abstained.

Harrison asked for volunteers to committee the Digest mailing. Jaskierski and Heil volunteered to head the committee. Lastly, the Board chose the following dates for the 2012 meetings:

02/26/11	*Holiday Inn, Joliet*	*3:00pm*	*05/20/11*	*Quality Inn, Bradley*	*3:00pm*
07/22/11	*Northfield Inn, Springfield*	*2:00pm*	*10/21/11*	*Quality Inn, Bradley*	*3:00pm*

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:44pm Andrew Reiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brian Jaskierski, passed unanimously.

Submitted by ILNA Secretary John Schikora

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Local Shows

February 4-5, (Sat-Sun) Dupo Coin Club 54th Annual Coin Show, 9AM to 4PM. Location: Ramada Inn, IL Rt 159 & I-64, Fairview Heights, IL, Tables: 37, Admission: $1 with hourly attendance prizes. Contact: Ronald Nowak, 409 Olympia St., Colombia, IL 62236, Phone: (618) 281-4875.

February 5, (Sunday) Peotone Coin & Currency Show, 9 AM to 3 PM Location: Will County Fair Grounds (The Atrium) 710 West St., Peotone, IL 60468 Tables: 50, Admission: Free. Contact: Jim Paicz, PO Box 628, Richton Park, IL 60471 Phone: 708-670-3469.

February 23-25, (Fri-Sun), Greater Chicago Coin, Currency and Collectible Show– Tinley Park, IL. Location: Holiday Inn – Tinley Park Convention Center 18451 Convention Center Rd., Tinley Park, IL 60477. 250 Dealer Tables starting at only $250, Early Bird Badges: $50. Admission: Free. Dealers Contact: Bourse Chairman Jim Paicz, P.O. Box 628, Richton Park, IL 60471. Email: paiczj@aol.com or Phone 708-670-3469.

February 26, (Sunday) Will County Coin Club 53rd Annual Coin Show, 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Location: Holiday Inn, 411 S. Larkin Ave. (I-80 and IL Rt. 7), Joliet IL Tables: 35, Admission: Free Contact: Richard Hlavacek, 2364 Essington Rd., #275, Joliet, IL 60435 Phone: (815) 463-9480.

March 4, (Sunday) Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club, Watseka, IL, 9 AM to 3PM, Location: Celebrations, North Second & Ash Streets, Watseka, IL, Tables: 30, Fee: 8ft. $45, Admission: Free, Dealers contact Bourse Chairman William Burns, 518 S. Third St., Watseka, IL, 60970; Phone (815) 383-5922; email: marjo4203@sbcglobal.net.

March 18, (Sunday) Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club, 48th Gillespie Area Coin Show, 9AM to 4PM, Location: Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin St., Gillespie, IL Tables: 45, Fee: $25, Admission: Free. Contact: Hiltop Coin Club, PO Box 23, Benld, IL 62009, email: hiltopcc@yahoo.com.

March 25, (Sunday) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Annual Spring Show– Springfield, IL. Location: Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3280 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. Tables: 70, Fee: $60, Admission: $1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. Contact Patrick Devine at (217) 787-3241.

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April 1, (Sunday) Tazewell Numismatic Society Early Spring Coin Show, 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Pekin, IL. Location: Pekin Moose Lodge, 2605 Broadway Rd., Pekin, IL Tables: 60, Fee: $50, Admission: Free. Prize drawings held for youth collectors. Contact: Steve Rassi, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: (309) 263-0739.

April 29 (Sunday) Elgin Coin Club Annual Spring Show, 9AM to 4PM, Location: VFW Post 1307, 1601 Weld Rd, Elgin IL Tables: 35/$35 fee Admission: Free. Contact: Don Cerny, PO Box 561, South Elgin, IL 60177, (847) 888-1449 or Club President Eagle McMahon (847) 652-7269. ✻

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Champaign-Urbana Coin and Currency Club. Meetings: First Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St., Urbana, Illinois. Information: Clyde Sweet, P.O. Box 1021, Champaign, IL, 61824. Phone: 217-840-2526, email: cwsweet3@msn.com.

Chicago Coin Club. Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, January thru November, 6:45 P.M. at Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604 and The Chicago Coin Club holds meetings at several coin and paper money shows. Information: Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL. 60690. Phone 773-878-8979 or email Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com.

Club of Illinois NumismatistS (C.O.I.N.S. Club). Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Hazel Crest Village Hall, 3000 W. 170th St, Hazel Crest, IL. Information: (Mailing address) C.O.I.N.S. Club, P.O. Box 849, Hazel Crest, IL, 60429.

Corn Belt Coin Club. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Bank of Illinois, 200 W. College Ave., Normal, IL. Information: Phone Jeff Stover 309-532-3205.

Danville Coin Club. Meetings: Third Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Palmer American Bank, Danville, IL. Information: Danville Coin Club, 2816 Baumgart, Danville, IL, 61832. Phone 217-443-6942.

Dixon Coin Club. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, VFW Post #540, 1560 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon, IL. 61021. Coin grading at 6:00 P.M. Meeting and auction at 7:00 P.M. Contact Jerry Bartlett, 815-535-8427.

Dupo Coin Club. Meetings: Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. Information: Dupo Coin Club, 409 Olympia St, Columbia, IL, 62236. Phone Ron Nowak at 618-281-4875.

Edgar County Coin Club. Meetings: Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce, 105 N. Central, Paris, IL. Information: Pat Brazelton, 1231 N. High St., Paris, IL, 61944. Phone: 217-463-2217. Email: pbraz@joink.com.

Elgin Coin Club. Meetings: First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Elgin VFW Post at 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. Information: Elgin Coin Club, P.O. Box 561, South Elgin, IL, 60177.

Local Clubs

Fairfield Coin Club. Meetings: Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 P.M. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. Information: Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL, 62837. Phone: 618-842-2035.

Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club. Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. (except July) at the Challacombe House, 509 School St., Hillsboro, IL. Information: Hiltop Coin Club, P.O. Box 23, Benld, IL, 62009. Email: hiltopcc@yahoo.com.

Indian Hill Coin Club. Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 P.M. at the Avon Township Hall, Washington St. in Round Lake Park. Information: Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL, 60099.

Lake County Coin Club. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. Information: Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL, 60085.

Mattoon Coin Club. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M., Second floor of County Market (food store) at 20th St. and Western Avenue, Mattoon, Information: P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL, 61938.

Metro East Coin & Currency Club. Meetings: Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. Edgemont Bible Church, 5100 N Illinois, Fairview Heights, IL. Information: Metro East Coin & Currency Club, PO Box 23. Belleville, IL, 62222. Phone 618-277-4493.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society. Meetings: First Friday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. Information: OFNS, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL, 60452.

Quad-City Coin Club. Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. Information: John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL, 61266.

Rantoul Coin Club. Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 P.M. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL, Information: RCC, 203 E. Campbell St., Rantoul, IL, 61866.

Rockford Area Coin Club. Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 P.M. at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). Information: Don Smith, 100 W. Main, Rockton, IL, 61072, Phone Daytime 815 624-0422.

Local Clubs

Tazewell Numismatic Society. Meetings: First Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. Time: 7:00 P.M. Information: D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309-353-6178.

Wat-cha-kee Coin Club. Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. (No meeting June, July, or August) at First Methodist Church, 304 S. Fourth, Watseka, IL, Information: Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815-432-4636.

Will County Coin Club. Meetings: First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Fire Protection District, 15025 S. Des Plaines Road, Plainfield, Illinois (enter through the side door by the parking lot). Information: Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL, 60451, or phone 815-485-4137.

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